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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA AND MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN RELATIONS

1. WE AS YET HAVE NO CONCRETE DETAILS LOCALLY ON AGREE-
MENT WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REACHED BETWEEN MOROCCANS
AND ALGERIANS DURING BOUTEFLIKA VISIT TO RABAT, ALTHOUGH
MOROCCAN CHARGE HAS DISCUSSED AGREEMENT ALONG LINES
RABAT 3259 PARA 5.

2. WE STRUCK BY LYRICAL TONE OF MESSAGES BEING EXCHANGED
BETWEEN TWO CAPITALS. LATEST IN SERIES IS BIRTHDAY AND
YOUTH DAY MESSAGE FROM BOUMEDIENE TO HASSAN WHICH PUBLISHED
THIS MORNING. IT IS PRINTED PROMINENTLY ON FRONT PAGE OF
ASH-SHAAB AND PRESUME ADDRESSEES WILL RECEIVE FBIS TEXT
IN FULLNESS OF TIME. AFTER TWO LONG PARAGRAPHS
IN PRAISE OF BROTHERHOOD AND COOPERATION IN PURSUIT OF
UNIFIED MAGHREB AND LIBERATION FROM IMPERIALISM, BOUMEDIENE
CONCLUDES WITH SEVEN LINES OF UNUSUALLY EFFUSIVE GREETINGS
AND CLOSES WITH QTE YOUR BROTHER, HOUARI BOUMEDIENE UNQTE.

3. THIS REPRESENTS MARKED CHANGE FROM SOBER MESSAGES

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BOUMEDIENE HAS BEEN SENDING HIS BROTHER IN PAST, AND FROM

UNFRIENDLY REMARKS HE MADE IN JUNE 19 SPEECH. SOME DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS HERE JOIN SPANIARDS IN EXPRESSING DOUBTS ABOUT EITHER SIDE'S COMMITMENT TO OR DURABILITY OF ANY AGREEMENT REACHED. JUDGING FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE AN ACCORD WHICH ALGERIANS WISH TO SEE IMPLEMENTED.

4. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR, WHO WELL CONNECTED LOCALLY, SAYS THAT MOST OF THE ALGERIAN MANEUVERS THE PAST MONTHS HAVE BEEN WINDOW DRESSING. HE SAYS HE WAS TOLD BY SENIOR OFFICIAL OF PRESIDENCY THAT ALGERIANS WERE IN HIS WORDS QTE MORALLY PRESENT UNQTE AT CONCLUSION ACCORD BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO ON PARTITION, WHICH TOOK PLACE SOME TIME AGO BUT ALGERIANS HAD TAKEN POSITION THAT IT WAS UP TO MOROCCO OR MAURITANIA AND NOT THEM TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE WAS SUCH AN AGREEMENT. HE SAYS ALGERIANS STILL PLAYING ALONG, ON REDUCED SCALE, WITH F. POLISARIO AND SUSPECTS THEY WILL KEEP THEIR HAND IN UNTIL THE BITTER END, JUST IN CASE POPULATION OF SAHARA DOES NOT ACCEPT PARTITION. HE SAYS POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVE CALLED ON HIM FEW DAYS AGO IN ANGUISH OVER ALGERIAN POLICY AND INDICATED ALGERIANS HAD TOLD F. POLISARIO TO GO TO OTHER AFRICANS, INCLUDING SENEGALESE AND CONGOLESE, FOR SUPPORT, BECAUSE ALGERIANS COULD NOT GIVE THEM AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED.

5. THIS MORNING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, DIRECTOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS TOLD ME HE HAD QUERIED ALGERIANS WHO WERE WITH BOUTEFLIKA IN RABAT ABOUT WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AND THEY CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW. BOUTEFLIKA HAD NOT RECOUNTED HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH KING TO OTHERS.
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